

Duplication of the renal pelvis and ureter, either partial or complete, has its explanation in an early division of the main renal bud. In the case of complete duplication the renal bud is double from its very inception from the Wolffian duct. The duplication is simply a disturbance of the normal development of the typical dichotomous renal pelvis.

In this case it was possible to determine, previous to operation, the value of the three portions of renal tissue and to point out the possibility had it been necessary of a bisection of the left kidney. The function of the right kidney in this particular instance, however, as determined by the use of phthalein was known to be practically normal and for this reason the problematical result of a bisection of the left kidney did not have to be considered.

REMEDIES FOR INDIGESTION MUST BE PROPERLY PREPARED AND SOLD WHILE FRESH.

Washington, D. C.—The Service and Regulatory Announcements of the Bureau of Chemistry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, state that examination of a number of products which purport to contain certain enzymes or ferments supposed to be useful in promoting digestion shows that these contain little, if any, of these active agents. Further investigation shows that the manufacturers frequently have employed a sufficient quantity of pepsin, diastase, pancreatin, trypsin, or similar material, but in many cases no attempt has been made to determine whether the material used is really active. In certain cases, manufacturers have combined pepsin and trypsin which tend to negative each other, and in other cases they have used its pepsin in alkaline media, which destroy activity, and have combined trypsin with acid substances which are not suited to it. Under certain methods of preparing the remedies, heat is applied to a degree that may destroy the activity of the pepsin or other enzymes. Similarly, many of these substances which owe their properties to the action of enzymes, are put up in too strong alcoholic solutions or in other ways which lessen their effectiveness.

The great trouble with many of these preparations, however, is that they do not keep well, and while active at first, after a time lose their digestive activity. The Department of Agriculture therefore warns manufacturers that preparations claiming to contain digestive enzymes should be put up in such a way that they will have suffered little, if any, loss of activity when sold to the consumer.

In the case of preparations which are liable to deterioration within a few months, the Department suggests that each lot should be dated, and that sales after a certain fixed time should be prevented.

IN ERRATA.

Dr. A. I. Zobel's paper on "Early Diagnosis of Cancer of the Rectum," appearing on page 376, was omitted from the general contents in the December issue 1914.

Also Dr. H. E. Ruggles' paper, which appears on page 284, "Six-Hour Stasis," was omitted.

SOCIETY REPORT

BUTTE COUNTY.

Butte County Medical Society held its monthly meeting at the offices of Dr. M. P. Stansbury,

Tuesday evening, November 17, with the following members present. Drs. E. E. Baumeister, President P. L. Hamilton, C. C. Landis, O. Stansbury, M. P. Stansbury and Ella F. Gatchell.

Dr. M. P. Stansbury presented the subject of "Diagnostic Errors" in a very interesting and novel manner.

ELLA F. GATCHELL, Sec'y.

SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

The regular November meeting of the Society was held on Saturday evening, November 21st, 1914, at the Hotel Sacramento, at 8:30 o'clock, and was a joint meeting with The Sacramento Valley District Dental Society.

Subjects:

1. "Dental Conditions as Related to the Development and Diseases of Children." By W. P. Lucas, M. D., Professor of Pediatrics, University of California.

2. "The Relations of Medicine to Dentistry." By J. G. Sharp, M. D., D. D. S.; Professor of Surgery, University of California, Dental Department.

3. "Syphilis of the Mouth" (lantern slide demonstration). By Howard Morrow, M. D., Professor of Dermatology, University of California.

All members of the Profession visiting in Sacramento were cordially invited to attend.

F. F. GUNDRUM, M. D., Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY.

During the month of November, 1914, the following meetings were held:

Medical Section, Tuesday, November 3d.

1. Notes on Angina Pectoris. W. W. Kerr. Discussed by H. D'A. Power.

2. The Use of Perfusion Mixtures in High and in Low Blood Pressures. J. J. Hogan. Discussed by G. M. Barrett and H. D'A. Power.

General Meeting, Tuesday, November 10th.

1. Dermatitis Caused by Primula Poisoning. D. W. Montgomery and G. D. Culver. Discussed by Emmet Rixford.

2. Hernia in Relation to Accident Insurance. Emmet Rixford. Discussed by J. A. Haderle, S. O. Beasley, L. Eloesser and F. D. Tait.

3. The Orthopedic Treatment of Fractures. J. T. Watkins. Discussed by Emmet Rixford and C. E. Farnum.

Surgical Section, Tuesday, November 17th.

1. Report of Case of Fracture of the Carpal Cuneiform.

2. Gastrointestinal Diagnosis. Illustrated by 40 Consecutive Operative Cases (April-October, 1914). C. W. Lippman. Discussed by W. C. Alvarez.

3. Personal Results with Anoci Association. W. I. Terry. Discussed by F. D. Tait, F. Williams, H. A. L. Ryfkogel, S. Hyman and A. Newman.

4. Morphin-Scopolamin Anesthesia in Obstetrics. L. I. Breitstein. Discussed by W. F. B. Wakefield, B. F. Sandow, W. E. Libby and A. Newman.

Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Section.

Tuesday, November 24th.

1. Presentation of Cases:

(a) Meniere's Symptom Complex, begin-

ning twelve years ago, with neuritis of cochlear branch of eighth nerve. H. McNaught.

- (b) Three cases of Glaucoma upon which the Elliott operation had been performed.

Two albino children, whose parents were both dark, but the great-grandfather on paternal side was an albino. Hans Barkan.

2. Glaucoma: Some of its Diagnostic and Operative Problems. Hans Barkan. Discussed by K. Pischel, V. H. Hulen, M. W. Fredrick, L. S. Green, P. Dolman and J. J. Hogan.

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

The regular monthly meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held at the residence of Dr. W. J. Backus, Friday evening, November 27th, President J. D. Dameron in the chair. The following members were present: Drs. H. C. Peterson, B. J. Powell, J. T. Davison, C. R. Harry, Margaret Smyth, L. Dozier, C. F. English, G. W. Walker, D. R. Powell, E. A. Arthur, J. D. Dameron and R. T. McGurk, with Dr. C. C. Crane of San Francisco as guest.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A favorable report from the Committee on Admissions was received on the application of Dr. Bolinger and he was declared a member of the society. The committee appointed to make the campaign against Amendment No. 46 made its report, and the same was accepted and the committee discharged with thanks. Nominations were made for the Board of Directors and various committees, which are to be elected at the December meeting.

The routine business having been completed the president called upon Dr. Dozier of the Program Committee to introduce Dr. C. C. Crane. The subject of his paper was "A Consideration of Some of the Conditions of the Feet Called 'Rheumatism.'" Dr. Crane's paper was one of the most practical which the society has yet heard. The doctor illustrated his remarks by practical demonstrations on plaster of paris casts. He showed spurs removed from the Os calcis which had been the cause of much pain and in which the erroneous diagnosis of rheumatism of the feet had been given. The doctor also exhibited several samples of poorly constructed shoes, contrasting them with some others which, though less stylish, were mighty comfortable for aching feet. The point was strongly emphasized that practitioners should give more attention to the details of aching pains of the feet and be less prone to pass them up as rheumatism. The value of X-ray pictures as an aid to diagnosis of beginning flat foot, osseous deformities, etc., was spoken of. Dr. Crane concluded his paper by giving a few case reports in which the value of careful treatment had shown its effects. The paper was discussed briefly by Drs. Dameron, Walker, Arthur and Dozier. At the conclusion of the paper refreshments were served.

R. T. McGURK, Secretary.

TULARE COUNTY.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Tulare County Medical Society held December 1st, the following officers were elected for 1915:

President, J. Tracy Melvin, Porterville; vice-president, A. N. Loper, Dinuba; secretary-treasurer, A. W. Preston, Visalia; board of censors, R. N. Fuller, Tulare; delegate 1915-1916, G. M. White, Visalia; alternate, T. D. Blodgett, Tulare.

ADDISON W. PRESTON, Secretary.

NEVADA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

M. A. ROBISON, SECRETARY-TREASURER, RENO.

Officers and Committees for 1915:

President, P. J. Mangan, Winnemucca; Vice-President, J. C. Ferrell, Fallon; Second Vice-President, Arthur J. Hood, Elko; Secretary-Treasurer, M. A. Robison, Reno; Trustees—1 year, C. E. Secor, Tuscarora; 2 years, C. W. West, Elko; 3 years, R. St. Clair, Reno.

Committees:

Membership—P. J. Mangan, J. C. Ferrell, M. A. Robison.

Judicial—J. E. Pickard, F. M. Nesmith, C. E. Earley.

Scientific Work and Program—B. F. Cunningham, R. St. Clair, W. L. Samuels.

Necrology—H. Ostroff, F. M. Wast, E. T. Krebs.

Entertainment—W. L. Samuels, J. A. Asher, R. K. Hartzell.

Delegate to A. M. A.—M. R. Walker; Alternate, A. P. Lewis.

Public Health—M. R. Walker, F. F. Owens, J. L. Robinson.

State Organizer—H. A. Brown.

Council—A. C. Olmstead, J. A. Russell, D. A. Turner, C. E. Bulette, G. M. Gardner, F. C. Pache, A. McIntyre, G. L. Belanger, C. E. Swezey.

DECEMBER MEETING OF THE WASHOE COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY.

Reno, Nevada, Dec. 1, 1914.

Dr. P. J. Mangan of Winnemucca presented a case of Acromegaly. The patient was a married woman, age 27. His paper in connection was well written and proved interesting.

Messrs. Hal Leman and J. J. Mullen, members of the Nevada State Industrial Commission, were present by invitation. Various phases of the Industrial Law and its workings were discussed, the result being a much better feeling toward the law on the part of our members.

Attention was called to the fact that after January 1, 1915, certain changes would probably be made in the State Board of Health, and the Board of Medical Examination and Registration. A motion was made and carried that immediately after our adjournment, Dr. Mangan, who is president of the State Association, call a special meeting for the purpose of adopting a resolution endorsing Dr. S. L. Lee, who has for many years served as secretary of both these boards; such resolution to be forwarded Governor-elect E. H. Boyle, with the request that if possible Dr. Lee be retained as secretary of such boards.

The following officers were elected for 1915: President, Henry Bergstein; vice-president, Raymond St. Clair; secretary-treasurer, W. L. Samuels; censor, three years, J. L. Robinson.

A smoker and "dutch lunch" followed the meeting.

W. L. SAMUELS,
Secretary-Treasurer.